

MILFORD

The sessions of the Chautauque so far held have not drawn the crowds that they have in former years and the novelty of the performance has worn off for the people of Milford.

Charles H. Broadwell, chairman of the committee spoke briefly at the opening of the first session. Rev. Leslie H. Briggs, offered prayer and Superintendent Miller delivered a short lecture on the remaking of the map of the world necessitated by the results of the world war, and the Zimmer-Carter Company rendered a concert.

The second day's program in the afternoon was a musical by Miss Hines and a lecture by Dr. Holmes.

The Methodist parsonage is entertaining Misses Frankie and Gregory who are in charge of the Junior activities during the week.

At the Rosebaum school the number of registrants both at the summer term, which starts about the first of August, and for the fall term exceed in number any previous year.

This school is recognized as one of the best preparatory and tutoring schools in the country and its reputation is showing in the increase in the number of pupils each year.

The indications are that there will be a spirited contest at the meeting of the Odd Fellows tonight for the position of Vice Grand. The officers for the coming year will be held at this meeting and a large attendance is expected.

Frank Halloway has again settled down into civilian ways after having been discharged from the navy. He is once more with the firm of A. H. Powell and Co. in the wholesale coal business in New Haven.

JAPAN IN FAVOR OF LONG PEACE SAYS MINISTER

Tokio, July 1.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Japan occupied at the Peace Conference a special position—she was disinterested in the problems concerned with the Occident but greatly interested in the questions bound up with the Far East—Takashi Hara, the Prime Minister, has told the editor of a French magazine published at Tokio. The Premier said:

"Japan went to the Peace Conference with the desire to take an active part in its work and to participate in all questions that might arise. Why? Because Japan is sincerely attached to the cause of right and justice. She has proved it by closely co-operating with the Allies and by subscribing without reserve to the fourteen principles of President Wilson; she never hesitated to join with the promoters of the League of Nations.

"Like the French, English and American peoples, we wish a permanent peace, better, more open relations between nations, a happier humanity. And we believe we are in a good position to judge things from the point of view of justice and right because we had fewer interests under duress during the war than the United States. Our attitude is impartial and our delegates at Paris showed the good faith, sincerity and openness of our policies."

"However, violent criticisms have been addressed to us, as Japan has been represented as an ambitious, war-loving aggressive nation. The preceding cabinet suffered the same accusations which were not merited. I can assure you my government is doing its best not to cause discontent; to disregard proceedings which might be thought to bear a representative character. The Peace Conference has given us an occasion to show we were not guilty of what had been reproached to us."

ICE BERGS STOP OPERATIONS OF TRAP FISHERS

St. John's, N. F., July 2.—Ice bergs outside the harbor entrance here have interfered with the operations of trap fishermen to such an extent that Governor Harte has requested the warship Cumberland to fire a few shots at the bergs with the idea of breaking them up. Some great bergs, moving down the coast much later in the season than usual grounded off the mouth of the port. The plan of shooting the bergs to pieces was resorted to as the only means of forcing the ice to continue its movement south. Some of the northern ports continue ice bound.

CHICAGO'S LID CLAMPED DOWN TOWN BONE DRY

Chicago, July 2.—Chicago's "bone dry lid" was securely clamped down today after yesterday's brief respite when about half of the city's six thousand saloons sold 2.75 per cent beer and light wines. Today about one thousand saloons were open, but only soft drinks were sold.

FRENCH REGRET DISAPPEARANCE OF OLD CAB MEN

Paris, July 2.—The people of Paris are watching with regret the gradual disappearance of cab and the cabman of the old school. Automobile taxi-cab competition had reduced the number of one horse cabs in Paris to little less than 4,000 before the war. The requisition of all horses for any service in the army reduced the number to less than 2,000 in 1915. Now there are only 564 in service.

A recently invented device for undergarments stretches lengthwise but not across the weave of the material. A telephone, microphone and phonograph have been combined by a French inventor to transmit sounds from the last to distant points or several places at once.

AMERICA REGRETS TREATY DID NOT FREE IRELAND

The signing of the peace treaty makes June 28 one of the great landmarks of world history. Generations will analyze and study the terms of peace then assented to.

The peace conference of 1919 has been bitterly assailed for its alleged departure from the 14 points of President Wilson, upon which peace was supposed to be based. Yet it must be considered how terribly difficult a problem was constituted by the inextinguishable melange of races in Europe. A liberal application of self-determination would have resulted in no sound economic foundation, and would split up Europe into minute fragments incapable of independent existence.

While mistakes may have been made here and there on boundary lines, never before was there such anxious care to give each race and people a government of its own choice, and to assure that government a sound economic basis. To American minds, the principal regret was that it was not possible to secure some application of self-determination for Ireland.

The American people will carry out the terms with the utmost fidelity. They have a record for keeping their agreements. In no land is there such respect for punishment in business life for those who fail to keep their word. And in no country is there a stronger sentiment of national good faith.

Germany is anxious to win American friendship. She must accept the treaty as the best judgment of the world as to the atonement she should make. If she obeys it faithfully, she will find that human nature is forgiving and that time heals many wounds. If she seeks to evade and defy it, means will be found to bring her up with a round turn, and she will make no friends and conciliate no foes.

ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH OF IRISH LEADER GRATTON

The first great figure in Ireland's long struggle for home rule was Henry Gratton, who was born in Dublin on July 3, 1826. Gratton was a man of great energy and courage, and was one of the most prominent leaders of the Irish nationalist movement. He was a member of the Irish House of Commons, and was known for his fiery speeches and his unwavering commitment to the cause of Irish independence. He died in London in 1876.

YANKEE FIRMS EAGER TO BUY GERMAN GOODS

Treves, July 3.—American firms appear eager to buy German goods as quickly as possible, according to a dispatch from the American consulate here. The dispatch says that the American firms are interested in buying German goods because they are in short supply in the United States. The firms are also interested in buying German goods because they are of high quality and are sold at a low price. The dispatch also says that the American firms are interested in buying German goods because they are in need of raw materials and other goods that are produced in Germany.

JAPANESE WOULD BUY IRON LANDS FROM MEXICANS

Mexico City, July 3.—Japanese capitalists are trying to close deals involving the purchase of iron lands in Mexico, according to a dispatch from the American consulate here. The dispatch says that the Japanese capitalists are interested in buying iron lands in Mexico because they are in need of raw materials for their steel industry. The Japanese capitalists are also interested in buying iron lands in Mexico because they are sold at a low price.

21 YEARS SINCE SPANISH FLEET WAS DESTROYED

This is the twenty-first anniversary of the destruction of the Spanish fleet of Admiral Cervera by the American fleet, commanded by Admiral Sampson, off Santiago, Cuba. The decisive victory of the American warships came at an opportune time, for the relations between the United States and Germany were very strained.

Blades of recently patented shears are operated by an electric motor controlled by a button in its handle. A Pennsylvanian has invented a lawn mower with corrugated blades that are intended to hold and cut down the grass so that it would slip through slanting blades.

TAX DODGERS SHOULD TAKE WARNING FROM SENTENCE OF BOSTON

Evidence Showing Fraud Will be Followed by a Thorough Investigation, Says Roper.

Washington, July 3.—"Tax dodgers may take warning by the 18 months prison sentence imposed on William A. English and John H. O'Brien, Boston wool merchants who pleaded guilty of conspiracy to defraud the government of federal income taxes," said Commissioner of Internal Revenue Daniel C. Roper today.

"It is and will be the policy of the bureau to pursue tax frauds relentlessly. This is the only course possible in justice to the man who honestly pays his share of the common levy."

In the checking up of returns, evidence to show fraud will be followed by a thorough and complete investigation which, though it may require years, will be continued until the persons involved are brought to justice. In every case warranted by the facts the bureau will urge the imposition of the extreme penalty.

"Taxpayers who have not met their full tax requirements should not wait until discovery is made by a revenue officer. There is great difference between the self-discovered tax dodger or tax delinquent and the one discovered by our office. The time for compromise is before discovery by a government official."

"It is our determined policy that wealth shall not influence to prevent willful tax dodgers from going to jail. The big and financially able must be treated in the same way as the small willful violator, and hence compromises through money will be rejected."

The Boston wool merchants, who it was alleged attempted to defraud the government out of about 95 per cent. of tax due, started business in 1913

BOLSHEVIKI LEFT DEAD LIE IN STREETS OF BIELEBEL

Refugees Find Homes Wrecked and Relatives Missing on Return to Town.

Bielebel, European Russia. Via Vladivostok.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—The reign of the Bolsheviki passed over the people of Bielebel like a scourge. The Bolsheviki occupied Bielebel for several months.

The correspondent of The Associated Press visited the town within a fortnight after their evacuation. The people were just beginning to rebuild their homes and their lives. The Bolsheviki had left a trail of destruction and death behind them.

When the Bolsheviki entered Bielebel the government of the town was taken over by a "Revolutionary Committee of Communists." There was formed a "Committee of Investigation" under the presidency of one Velt, a Lett. One of the first acts of this committee was to shoot the president of the former local county zemstvo as a counter-revolutionary.

The Bolsheviki also shot a number of other prominent citizens. The bodies of the victims were left in the streets for days. The people were in a state of terror and confusion.

Many persons had disappeared and it was well known that many had been murdered. The corpses of victims are being discovered. The correspondent followed a stream of men, women and children which flowed out of the fields toward the edge of a scraggly wood. There under the overhanging bank on the edge of a gravel pit they were lying, a tangled heap of bodies, apparently as they fell or had been thrown, with no attempt at burial.

The bodies were those of young or middle-aged workmen. From each the boots and most of the outer clothing had been removed. Of some the skulls were crushed, of others the faces were disfigured as though by gunshot at close range.

The crowd on the bank above the gruesome pile appeared fascinated. They silently made way for a group of Americans, including Consul Embury, from Omak, and two correspondents, and watched with interest while they photographed the victims.

A nicely dressed woman and little girl walked into the pit to get a better look at the figure of a blond young girl partly uncovered close under the bank.

The body was perfectly preserved by the cold and lay with arms bare and crossed as though the girl might have been sleeping. The face, which was not disfigured, was that of an intelligent, pretty girl. Toward dusk the body was removed by relatives who had come from Ufa. She was a high school girl from that town who had been abducted by the Bolsheviki command when Ufa was evacuated. Close by was the body of another woman.

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REDDING

(Special to The Times.)

Redding, July 3.—Next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock there will be held at the town house a special town meeting for the purpose of deciding whether the town shall take advantage of the opportunity offered by the appropriation made by the Legislature for the construction of main roads. On account of the war work of this kind has been virtually suspended for several years, the last local undertaking in that line being the mile stretch in Lonsdown built eight years ago. The meeting of Monday next may vote to make available a credit of \$10,000 for one year or a credit of \$10,000 covering two year period. Of the expenditure actually made one-quarter must be assumed by the town. As the appropriation is only \$1,000,000 the total credits asked for by the action of all the towns are likely to considerably exceed this sum so that a general scaling down will be necessary. It is desirable that the town should be at the meeting to represent public sentiment on the question of acceptance or rejection of the proposition, although in view of the general feeling for better highways rejection would seem to be scarcely a possibility.

As to our trunk highway across the Ridge prospects for the speedy action which was thought to be assured are less encouraging. A recent report was that construction work had been delayed on account of the Federal aid extended to the project as there was a certain amount of government red tape to be wound or unwound before this aid could be made available. A few days ago there was published a list of the allotments made by the national government for projects of this kind in the several states and in this list Connecticut was represented only by an allotment of about half a million for a stretch of about 37 miles of bluish-grey road in Hartford and New London counties. The inference would be that no grant had been made for the Bridgeport-Bethel line, but those in a position to know assert that there is such a grant which was made several months ago and therefore does not appear among those just announced. However, this may be the present indications are that little if any of the Bridgeport-Bethel line will be built during the present year.

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RETURN 300 GERMAN PRISONERS.